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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: POSSIBLE STUDY GRANTS

REF: A) SAN SALVADOR 4140; B) SAN SALVADOR A-172, A-175;
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1. MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MARTINEZ DISCUSSED PROPOSAL
PARA 3 REF B, WITH SAODAP REPRESENTATIVE COWAN IN BOGOTA
DECEMBER 4, AND EXPRESSED PREFERENCES ACCORDING TO COUNTRY
REQUIREMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. IN VIEW OF LACK OF FUNDS IN CNCAP, ASSISTANCE WAS
REQUESTED FROM CU FOR TWO IV GRANTS FOR NOVOA AND BOTARIA
AND THESE ARE BEING PROCESSED AT THIS TIME. THE EMBASSY FEELS
THAT THESE TWO CANDIDATES, THE FORMER AN INFLUENTIAL CIVIC-
MINDED LAWYER ACTIVE IN THE DRUG FIELD, THE LATTER A LEADING
UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WHO IS CURRENTLY ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE
UNIVERSITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ARE OF SUFFICIENTLY BROAD-GAUGE
QUALITY TO JUSTIFY LEADER GRANTS RATHER THAN TECHNICAL GRANTS.
THESE NOMINATIONS, THEN, ARE SEPARATE FROM REQUESTS FOR TECH-
NICAL GRANTS UNDER NARCOTICS FUNDS AND THOSE CONTAINED IN
PARA 1D, REF B.

B. IN ADDITION TO THOSE GRANTS REQUESTED IN PARA 1A,
WE FEEL THAT GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS FROM EL SALVADOR WHO
ARE INVOLVED TECHNICALLY IN WORKING WITH DRUG ABUSE WOULD
BENEFIT THE COUNTRY MORE THAN IF WE PROVIDE TECHNICAL
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ASSISTANCE IN COUNTRY AT THIS TIME. (REF PARA 2, REF B).

C. EL SAVVADOR HAS AN AVTIVE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION WHICH WAS CREATED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE IN 1970. IT CONSISTS OF VOLUNTEERS FROM LEGAL, MEDICAL, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, CLERGY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FIELDS AS WELL AS PRESS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DRUGS HAS BEEN RECEIVED ONLY BY THOSE IN THE ENFORCEMENT FIELD.

D. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO PROVIDE, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, TRAINING THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE. WE PROPOSE TO OFFER SUCH TRAINING TO: (1) ONE SOCIAL WORKER WITH UNIVERSITY-LEVEL EDUCATION AND WITH MORE THAN 10 YEARS IN SOCIAL WORK; (2) ONE EDUCATOR AND ONE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL; AND (3) ONE PSYCHIATRIST OR MID, IN CY 74.

2. WE CONSIDER THAT A SMALL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IS ESSENTIAL TO COVER TRAVEL, INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND POSSIBLE SMALL EXPENDITURES TO ASSIST THE LOCAL DRUG ABUSE EFFORT. (THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED IN GENERAL AT THE ARA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR HANDLEY AND MR SHLAUDEMANN) A MINIMUM OF \$1000 IS REQUESTED FOR EL SALVADOR THE REMAINDER OF FY 1974.

3. IN THE PAST, SOME COMMODITIES AND TRAINING AIDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE GOES THROUGH THE PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM. TO REPLACE THIS ASSISTANCE, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE PHASED OUT, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A REASONABLE AMOUNT, NOT TO EXCEED \$5000 IN FY 74, BE PROVIDED TO EL SALVADOR. PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS AND COMMODITY LISTS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST BY WASHINGTON.
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